

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cartter (U.S. Patent 2,591,235). Claims 8 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cartter in view of O'Donnell et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication US2002/0005275 A1) and Diesch (U.S. Patent 5,094,224). Claims 5, 7, 13, 15, 19, 20 and 23-25 have been objected to as being dependent on rejected base claim, but the Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 9 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 5, 13 and 19 have been rewritten in independent form and should therefore be in condition for allowance. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 have been amended to depend on independent claim 5. Claims 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16 have been amended to depend on independent claim 13. Claims 18 and 21 have been amended to depend on independent claim 19. Claim 20 also depends on independent claim 19. Claim 23 depends on claim 6, which depends on independent claim 5. Claim 24 depends on claim 14, which depends on independent claim 13. Claim 25 depends on claim 20, which depends on independent claim 19.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the remaining claims, namely, claims 3-8, 11-16, 18-21 and 23-25 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the case be advanced to issue. No additional fee is believed to be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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